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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/048,054	OTSUKI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Laura S. Weiner	1745	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 November 2005.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-6 and 8-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Species of Formula (2) in the reply filed on July 8, 2005 is acknowledged.
2. Claim 7 is withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on July 8, 2005.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. The rejection of claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement has been withdrawn because of the amendment to the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. Claims 1-6, 8-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Shiga et al. et al. (JP 2000-30740, translation and abstract).

Shiga et al. teaches a lithium secondary battery consisting of a positive electrode capable of absorbing/releasing lithium, a negative electrode comprising graphite and an organic electrolyte prepared by dissolving a lithium salt in an organic solvent and the organic solvent contains 15-50 vol% EC based on 100 vol% of the total volume and also contains 0.5-2.5 vol% phosphazene compound. Shiga et al. teaches in the translation on page 4, [0021-0023], a phosphazene compound of the annular trimer shown in chemical formula 1 or an annular tetramer (3 n=4), $[(X)_2-P=N]_n$ where alkoxy group is in the side chain X of P atom and that that chlorine, bromine, etc. are considered as side chain of P atom also. Shiga et al. teaches in the translation on page 4, [0020], that lithium salts such as LiPF₆, LiBF₄, etc. can be used.

Since Shiga et al. teaches the exact same phosphazene derivative having both R4 be a halogen element, then inherently the same phosphazene derivative having a flash point of not lower than 100 degrees C or the potential window of the phosphazene derivative is such that its lowermost limit is at most +0.5 V or 0 V and its uppermost limit is at least +4.5 V or +5 V or the phosphazene derivative in the lithium salt solution is at least 2.0 or 4.0 mS/cm or the dielectric constant is at least 15 must also be obtained. In addition, the presently claimed property of the phosphazene derivative having a flash point of not lower than 100 degrees C or the potential window of the phosphazene derivative is such that its lowermost limit is at most +0.5 V or 0 V and its uppermost limit is at least +4.5 V or +5 V or the phosphazene derivative in the lithium salt solution is at least 2.0 or 4.0 mS/cm or the dielectric constant is at least 15 would have obviously have been present once the Shiga et al. product is provided. *In re Best*, 195 USPQ 433

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(CCPA 1977).

Conclusion

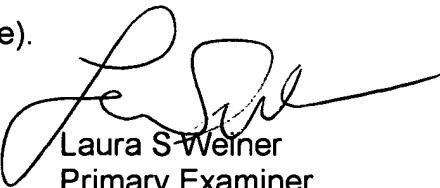
5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura S. Weiner whose telephone number is 571-272-1294. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30-4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Ryan can be reached on 571-272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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